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### FIFTH COLUMNIST CONFERS WITH CONGRESSMEN

#### Paganelli Discusses With U. S. Politicians Use of Nazi Tactics in This Country

The Hour learns from a reliable source that George Paganelli, notorious Fifth Columnist and editor of the violently anti-Semitic Christian Defender, held conferences last week in Washington, D. C., with Congressman John E. Rankin of Mississippi and ex-Congressman John C. Schafer of Wisconsin. Under discussion were plans for promoting and consolidating anti-Semitic sentiment in the United States and the use of this Nazi tactic as a political weapon in this country.

When Paganelli returned from Washington to New York City, he boasted to fascist intimates about conferring with anti-democratic politicians at the Capitol. According to Jew-baiter Paganelli, Congressman Rankin advanced the following formula for keeping America out of the war and preventing further aid to the Allies; "Blame the war on the Jews. Label this a Jewish war, a war brought about by international Jewish bankers. Spread this around the country and our battle is won."

The congressman is said to have joked with Paganelli about the fact that Congressman Michael Edelstein of New York had dropped dead on June 4 from heart failure after an anti-Semitic harangue that he, Rankin, had delivered on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Congressman Rankin is now campaigning to become a senator. He hopes to receive the nomination in Mississippi within a month.

#### Schafer's Plans

Ex-Congressman John C. Schafer, undaunted by his recent defeat in the Wisconsin elections, is building a secret organization which he hopes will be the focal point for anti-democratic, anti-Semitic feeling in the United States. He told Paganelli that he hopes to enlist the support of large numbers of World War veterans and that he will soon start for the Middle West on a speaking tour. He intends to make Washington the headquarters for his Fifth Column organization.

Like his pro-fascist associate Rankin, Schafer while in Congress made a practise of inserting anti-democratic and anti-Semitic propaganda into the Congressional Record. Making use of his franking privilege he distributed through the mails large amounts of his un-American material.

#### Senator Reynolds Involved

The Hour is also informed that Paganelli has been maintaining close contact with Senator Robert Reynolds of North Carolina, who ironically enough is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. Reynolds has long been personally interested in Fifth Column activities in the United States (see page 4 of this issue of The Hour).

Professional anti-Semites like Paganelli get a ready hearing from the blustering senator from North Carolina, who is another of those patriotic statesmen that like to insert into the Congressional Record pro-fascist propaganda and violent attacks against American Jews.

#### Paganelli's Record

For several years George Paganelli has been taking an active part in subversive activities in the United States. An intimate of Joseph Mo-Williams, James True, and other notorious Fifth Columnists, he achieved a reputation in the American fascist movement because of his scurrilous pro-Nazi articles in the Christian Defender. He has worked closely with the German-American Bund, the Christian Front and other subversive agencies. Samples of his writings follow:

"Just a bit of warning to Jews; Once sales [of Social Justice] are effectively and finally stifled, then will also have come the time to resort to means other than the soap-box, the court and peaceful assembly. Let the kikes attempt to stop the sale of Social Justice, and they will court the righteous wrath of several million Christians in New York. Then woe unto the miserable Yiddles. Woe unto them and their progeny. Their now unfounded yelpings of 'persecution' will - when that day comes - find full justification in fact. All we can say now is: BEWARE JEWS!"

"... your end, your Britannic Majewsty, is at hand. You are now on the downgrade, sliding so rapidly that neither you nor your enslaved millions are as yet aware. And the man who set the machinery in motion is a once inconspicuous house painter called Adolph Hitler. ...

"And you, your Britannic Majewsty, can do little about it. The moral disintegration which is gnawing at your vitals comes from having glutted yourself with the moneys and wealth belonging to other men. The criminal always pays for his guilt. And you, your Britannic Majewsty, have been a world criminal. You will pay through the nose and through your ears and through your mouth, and you will choke in your own blood."

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## FAILURE OF NAZI PLOT FOR UKRAINIAN REVOLT

We are reliably informed by a contact in the Ukrainian-American community of the complete collapse of a Nazi plot for widespread Fifth Column activity in the Ukraine.

As The Hour has previously reported, Ukrainian fascists have made their headquarters in Berlin and worked closely with Adolf Hitler. Der Fuehrer promised to put them in power when he seized their homeland. In exchange, they agreed to supervise pro-Nazi Fifth Column activity not only in the Soviet Union but also throughout Europe and wherever Ukrainians have settled in other parts of the world. The two Nazi-Ukrainian organizations in charge of this work have been the Hetman and the OUN (Organization of Ukrainian Nazis).

## Fifth Column Nucleus

Several months before the invasion of the Soviet Union, Hetman and OUN agents turned over to the Nazi Government a list of six hundred detachments of "Secret Supporters in the Ukraine." These six hundred detachments supposedly represented the nucleus of the Ukrainian Fifth Column organized by the Hetman and the OUN in preparation for the Nazis' attack on Russia.

The Ukrainian fascist leaders in Berlin guaranteed that their "Secret Supporters" would lead a "nationalist" revolt against the Soviets as soon as Hitler's legions began marching into the Ukraine. Many of the so-called "Secret Supporters" were prominent citizens in Ukrainian cities and towns; some were officers in the Soviet Army.

## Plot Fizzles

When the attack on the Soviet Union started, the promised "nationalist revolt" failed to materialize. No word was heard of any Fifth Column activity on the part of the "Secret Supporters" of the Hetman and the OUN. On the contrary: The Ukrainians everywhere were putting up an extremely stubborn resistance to the Germans. The Nazis, who had been counting on the uprising or at least on widespread anti-Soviet sabotage, were furious.

Our informant tells us that Hetman and OUN agents, desirous of proving their value to the Third Reich and of getting higher pay, had drawn up a spurious list of "Secret Supporters." Many of the names of the six hundred pseudo-Fifth Columnists had been acquired by the simple expedient of haphazardly selecting them from Soviet newspapers.

The Soviet Government is said to have learned of the list before the invasion but, naturally enough, to have done nothing to disillusion the Nazis.

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## SENATOR ROBERT REYNOLDS, FASCIST CAREER-MAN

A source of extreme satisfaction for Fifth Columnists in the United States is the fact that one of their heroes, Senator Robert Reynolds, is today Chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. Fascist publications throughout the country gloat over the position held by the Senator from North Carolina and urge their readers to support his every effort. American Quislings and professional anti-Semites, like George Paganelli (see Pages 1 and 2 of this issue of *The Hour*), know they can depend on the Senator for ready cooperation; and they are in constant touch with him.

At this time of national emergency, it is fitting to review some of the facts about the record of this representative of the people who now holds so responsible a post in our government.

Appropriately enough, Robert R. Reynolds was born in Buncombe County, N. C. As a young man he acquired a reputation for showmanship, and one of the jobs at which he excelled was that of side show barker at a carnival. When he entered upon a political career, his demagogic talents won him support among the backward elements in North Carolina. His rise in politics was rapid and distinguished by bombastic campaign oratory and "homespun" clowning. He was first elected to the Senate in 1933, which aptly enough was the year that Hitler seized power in Germany.

In Washington Senator Reynolds quickly became known as an outstanding spokesman for the Axis powers. He could always be counted on to take the floor of the Senate in defense of Der Fuehrer and Il Duce. Typical of his declarations at such times was this one: "Hitler and Mussolini have a date with destiny. It's foolish to oppose them, so why not play ball with them?"

The Third Reich was most appreciative of the pro-Nazi efforts of Senator Reynolds. In the United States the Nazi henchmen of the German-American Bund were ordered to give the Senator all possible publicity and support. In Germany the Senator's speeches were reprinted in official National Socialist publications. When the Senator visited the Third Reich in 1938, he was most enthusiastically welcomed by the Nazis; and on his return to America he spoke in glowing terms of Germany and Italy, describing them as lands of happiness and prosperity.

As a key man in the native fascist movement, Senator Reynolds has specialized in alien-baiting, labor-baiting and anti-Semitism. He is the founder and leader of the American Vindicators, a "patriotic" vigilante organization which is supported by members of the Christian Front, the German American Bund and the Silver Shirts. He has fought against aid to the Allies, remarking: "I am glad to state without the least hesitation that I am absolutely against the United States waging war for the purpose of protecting the Jews anywhere in the world." Of late he has criticized all anti-Nazi films, such as "Underground," as being "false propaganda." It was not without reason that Fritz Kuhn declared after one of Senator Reynolds' speeches: "I like the speech very well. I underline everything he said."

Such is the character of the man who this last April became Chairman of the vital Senate Committee on Military Affairs.